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Solitary confinement of Mr. Kalayya Chetti, a prisoner convicted in the Madras Conspiracy Case.

* 223 *Q.*—Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Kalayya Chetti, a prisoner of the Madras Conspiracy Case, was charged with some jail offence and accordingly sentenced;

(*b*) if so, what the charge was; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Kalayya Chetti is kept in solitary confinement and consequently his health has been affected?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Wilfully refusing to eat food prescribed by the prison diet scale.

(*c*) The answer to both parts of the question is in the negative.

Classification of Mr. Devanayagayya as a 'C' class prisoner.

* 224 *Q.*—Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Devanayagayya, convicted for sedition in the recent Tinnevelly sedition case, has been awarded 'C class'; and

(*b*) what the reasons are for giving Mr. Devanayagayya 'C' class?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The convict was classified as a "C" class prisoner by the convicting Magistrate with reference to the provisions in rule 747-A of the Jail Manual.

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—"May I ask whether the Government will consider the desirability of removing the class distinctions at least among the convicts? We have enough class distinctions already."

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"It is only among the convicts that there is this class distinction."

Control of Books and Printing Presses

Reasons for demanding security from the "Prabhat," a Karnataka weekly of South Kanara.

* 225 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Karnataka weekly of South Kanara called the "Prabhat" was asked to deposit a security of Rs. 2,000; if so, in respect of which article the security was demanded;

(*b*) whether he will be pleased to place on the table a copy of the offensive portion of the said article; and

(*c*) what provision of the Press Act the article offends and how?